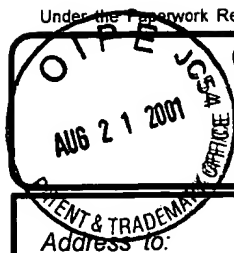


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This is a request for a ☒ continuation or ☐ divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(d),
(continued prosecution application (CPA)) of prior application number 09 / 074,288,
filed on May 7, 1998, entitled FIBER-REINFORCED VEHICLE INTERIOR TRIM AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURE.

NOTES

FILING QUALIFICATIONS: The prior application identified above must be a nonprovisional application that is either: (1) complete as defined by 37 CFR 1.51(b), or (2) the national stage of an international application in compliance with 35 U.S.C. 371. Effective May 29, 2000, a CPA may only be filed in a utility or a plant application if the prior nonprovisional application was filed before May 29, 2000. A CPA may be filed in a design application regardless of the filing date of the prior application. See "Request for Continued Examination Practice changes to and Provisional Application Practice," Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office (Apr. 11, 2000).

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EXPRESS ABANDONMENT OF PRIOR APPLICATION: The filing of this CPA is a request to expressly abandon the prior application as of the filing date of the request for a CPA. 37 CFR 1.53(b) must be used to file a continuation, divisional, or continuation-in-part of an application that is not to be abandoned.

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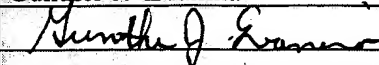
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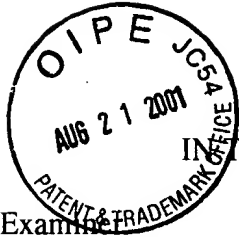
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Respectfully submitted,

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Before examining the continued prosecution application filed pursuant to 37 C.F.R.
§1.53(d), please enter the following amendments.

Please amend the above-referenced application as follows.

In the Claims:

Amend claims 1 and 6 to read as follows:

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1. (Fourth Amend) An integrated interior trim member for a vehicle comprising:

a porous substrate;

an upholstery skin material, said upholstery skin material being substantially
coextensive with said substrate; and

a molded foam material extending between said upholstery skin material and said
substrate, said molded foam material bonding said skin material to said porous substrate,
whereby said porous substrate is held to a backside of the trim piece that is opposite of the
upholstery skin material.